

# Superior Court of the State of California County of Kings

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Summary Dissolution
Packet Purchase Price: \$ 10.00

**Briefly a Summary Dissolution is possible for couples** (please read the Summary Dissolution Information packet for detailed information and instruction):

- (1) who have been married no longer than five years,
- (2) who have <u>no children</u> together,
- (3) who don't own very much (community or separate property worth no more than \$33,000),
- (4) who don't owe very much,
- (5) who have no disagreements about how their belongings and their debts are going to be divided up once they are no longer married to each other, and
- (6) at least one of you has lived in <u>California for the past six months</u> or longer, and in the <u>county</u> where you file for Dissolution <u>for the past three months</u> or longer.

List of forms and instructions in this packet:

Form Number:	Name of form:	Instructions on form:	Form last revised on:	Number of Pages:
Information pamphlet:				
FL810	Summary Dissolution Information		01-01-06	21
Forms used to open a case:				
FL800	Joint Petition for Summary Dissolution of Marriage	yes	01-01-06	2
FL150	Income and Expense Declaration (if applicable, copy and attach your paystubs on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet and staple behind page 4)	no	01-01-07	4
Form submitted no sooner than six months from the date the petition is filed:				
FL820	Request for Judgment, Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage and Notice of Entry of Judgment	Pg. 18 of FL810	01-01-03	2
Form used to STOP the divorce.:				
FL830	Notice of Revocation of Petition for Summary Dissolution	Pg. 21 of FL810	01-01-03	1

## Filing fee for the Joint Petition for Summary Dissolution \$ 320.00

If an Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs is submitted in lieu of the fee:

- 1) each party must complete the Application for Waiver <u>and</u> Order on Application for Waiver
- 2) each party must qualify in order for the filing fee to be waived.

If only one party qualifies, then the filing fee must be paid.

## Please be aware of the following information:

- The Court will require the same adherence to all of the laws of the State and California Rules of Court, as if you were represented by an attorney.
- ☑ Clerk personnel are NOT PERMITTED to, NOR WILL THEY give legal advice or help in completing any form. Please do not ask our clerks to give you legal assistance or advice. The Clerk of the Court and his deputies are prohibited by law from rendering legal assistance or advice in court proceedings (Sec. 24004 & 68082 Gov. code). Persons appearing in their own behalf are responsible for preparing and presenting their pleadings in complete and proper form without legal assistance from deputies of the Superior Court Clerk's office. Questions pertaining to legal matters or the proper completion of the appropriate forms should be answered by an attorney

## Assistance may be obtained from:

- Self-Help Center located online at <a href="https://www.courtinfo.ca.gov">www.courtinfo.ca.gov</a>. Judicial Council forms of California can be accessed, filled in, and printed at this website.
- A typing or paralegal service. A list of these services can be obtained from this office.
- Questions pertaining to legal matters or the proper completion of the appropriate forms should be answered by an attorney.
- California Law Codes such as family codes, civil codes, government codes, etc. www.leginfo.ca.gov.

## Preparing documents for filing:

- ❖ All pleadings and papers must be typed or legibly handwritten in blue or black ink.
- The law requires your name (petitioner), address, and telephone number be typed or legibly handwritten in blue or black ink in the upper left hand corner of all documents presented for filing.
- ❖ Each <u>original</u> form submitted for filing must be two-hole punched at the top.
- Personnel in the Clerk's office have been instructed not to file any papers which are not properly completed or assembled.

#### From each original, how many copies do I make?

- 1. one copy for yourself
- 2. one copy for the other party in this case

#### How do I make copies?

Each two sided copy must be tumbled (180°) (as presented in the packet)

Each **set** of forms must be *stapled* (example: a multiple page form is stapled, with any specified attachments, as a set).

#### What do I do with my forms?

Read page 18 on the Summary Dissolution Information pamphlet (form #FL810).

Submit the appropriate, completed and assembled forms to the clerk's office for filing. The copies will be stamped with a case number, conformed and returned to you.

Request for Judgment, Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage, and Notice of Entry of Judgment (form #FL 820)

This form is submitted to the clerk's office, **no sooner than six months** from the date the petition is filed. This form can be done by either husband or wife. What to remember when submitting this form:

- 1. Complete the address portion on page 2 of each specified location.
- 2. Submit one copy for each party
- 3. Submit one **<u>self-addressed</u>** envelope for <u>each party</u>

Note: Failure to complete the form(s) or to submit the self-addressed stamped envelopes shall be cause for refusal to sign the Judgment until compliance with the requirement of this rule. The Judgment may be rejected and placed in the pick-up drawer **unsigned** and unprocessed. This means your dissolution *will not* be final.